



# The Charlton Society

## *Newsletter February 2022*

### ***Obituaries***

#### **Jim Gillman**

It is with great sadness we share the news that life member of The Charlton Society, and previous Chair, Jim Gillman, has passed away. A lot of the work The Charlton Society is currently involved in is shaped by Jim's advocacy. Proceeds from this afternoon's raffle will go to Dementia UK in tribute to Jim.

#### **May Wellard**

We are also sad to announce one of the founding members of The Charlton Society, May Wellard, passed away peacefully recently at the age of 104. The family have been in touch regarding funeral arrangements and it will be held at Falconwood Crematorium on *Wednesday 9th March at 2.30pm*. Anyone wishing to attend please wear something brightly coloured. There is also a collection for May this afternoon to be donated to the Callum Welch care home.

### ***Planning update***

As founding members of Charlton Together, The Charlton Society have been working collaboratively on the ongoing development proposals on Charlton Riverside. There are currently five developments in discussion:

- i. *Aitch*. CT oppose this development and have submitted a Statement of Case and met with the Planning Inspector. Date for appeal commences on *Tuesday 8th March @ Charlton Athletic Football Club*. The Society encourage as many members as possible to attend the appeal. Details will be posted on the website.
- ii. *Optiva*. This will also be discussed alongside Aitch @ CAFC.
- iii. *Rockwell site*. After CT's success three years ago, this site has now been resold to a logistics transport hub. CT are investigating.
- iv. *Hyde Housing*. The biggest development proposal is about to go to the Planning Board. CT object as too high/dense.
- v. *U+I*. On the site of the former Siemens works. Whilst more imaginative, still too high and CT are objecting.
- vi. *The White Swan*. Additionally The Charlton Society have now set up a steering group to further investigate the situation regarding its development. The CS currently holds the ACV (Asset of Community Value) which is valid for another three years.

### ***Talks Programme update***

It is proposed all meetings will continue to be held at Charlton House throughout 2022. There may be an amendment to the printed programme, on 18th June The Charlton Society are proposing to host a cheese and wine afternoon at Charlton Athletic Football Club to include a tour of the stadium and a talk on the history of CAFC. Details tbc.

### ***Dates for the diary***

- *Wednesday 23rd February @ 10.00am & 7.00pm*. Curious about your family history? Join archivist Pauline Watson in an interactive genealogy taster at Charlton House.
- *Saturday 19th March @ 7.30pm*. Charlton Society member Cllr John Fahy and the RBG Mayor's office are hosting a fundraising dinner in support of the redevelopment of the Tramshed Theatre at Mycenae House. Tickets at £20.

### ***Next meeting***

*Saturday 19th March @ 2.30pm*. Charlton Open Air School, presented by George Burton.

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